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Venice, Dec. 16. *N. S.*

THEY write from Rome, That the Pope had again received into his Service the Soldiers whom he had lately disbanded; and that the Marches of the Germans towards the Ferrarese had occasion'd the holding several Congregations. The Portuguese Ambassador, who is sent to notifie that King's Accession to the Throne, was arrived there. Count Merlini, a Relation to the Cardinal Paoluccio, was lately confin'd to the Castle Nuovo; but, upon a strict Examination of his Papers, restor'd to his Liberty.

Vienna, Dec. 17. Count Martinitz, late Viceroy of Naples, is arriv'd here, and has given his Imperial Majesty an ample Account of the late Transactions and the present Posture of Affairs in that Kingdom. Advices from Oedenburg say, the Hungarians make frequent Excursions, and oblige the Inhabitants to retire into the neighbouring Woods for Shelter. The Malecontents having Intelligence, That Alba-Regalis was reduc'd to great Necessity for want of Provisions, attempted to make themselves Masters of the Place by a strict Blockade; But the Governor, at the Head of some regular Troops, reinforc'd by the Inhabitants, made a vigorous Sally, in which the Commander of the Blockade was mortally wounded, and the Besiegers driven from their Posts. By this Success, he obtain'd not only a great Booty of Cattle, but also struck such a Terror of Military Execution into the neighbouring Villages, that they brought in to him all manner of Necessaries without further Compulsion. The Baron of Pfoffernshover, Governor of Buda, having receiv'd Advice, That the Malecontents on this and the other side of the Danube had preserv'd a Communication by a Passage over the River near Parci, sent some armed Barks to view the Place. That Detachment met an Hungarian Party near Vetch, whom, after a short Skirmish, they oblig'd to fly, and brought back with them a considerable Quantity of Salt, which the Enemy had landed on the Banks of the Danube. Some Days since the Malecontents appear'd in a Body of 500 Horse before the Walls of Pest, and put the Inhabitants into a great Consternation; but were soon forc'd by the Fire from the Ramparts to retreat. The last Advices from General Rabutin inform'd the Court, That the greatest part of the Principality of Transilvania was reduc'd to the Obedience of the Emperor. The Plague continues to rage near Cracow; and Guards are disposed on the Frontiers of Silesia to prevent the Infection, by denying Entrance into the Country to all Persons who come from those Parts. Bishop Viza, and Paul Ockolizani, who were Deputies in Behalf of the Malecontents in the late Treaty with this Court, were some Months ago imprison'd by Prince Ragotzki, upon Suspicion of their being too much inclin'd to an Accommodation with the Emperor: But those Ministers have taken a new the Oath of Fealty to Prince Ragotzki, and obtain'd their Enlargement. Advices from Hungary say, That Prince Ragotzki has declar'd Count Berezini Vice-Palatine of that Kingdom. A Detachment of the Garison of Neustettel having pursued a Party of 1000 Malecontents, who had made an Incursion on this side the Waag, kill'd 500 in a Village near Trenshin, the rest making their Escape over the River. Letters from the Governor of Great Waradin report, That several Officers, and 100 Malecontents, had come into that Place, and submitted themselves to the Mercy of his Imperial Majesty.

Berlin, Dec. 24. Sunday the 4th Instant being appointed for the Solemnization of the Baptism of the young Prince of Prussia, his Excellency the British Ambassador, who was to assist at the Font in Behalf of Her Majesty of Great Britain, was conducted to the Cathedral Church by Monsieur Besser, Master of the Ceremonies, and Two Gentlemen of his Majesty's Chamber, with a Train of Three Coaches, each drawn by Six Horses, and Twenty of his Majesty's Footmen walking on each side. The Prince of Anhalt, as representing the Electress Dowager, and Elector of Hanover, the States General, and the Protestant Cantons of Switzerland, was attended thither in the same Manner. At the Font, the King plac'd himself on the Right Hand of the Bishop who officiated, his Excellency the British Ambassador stood on his Majesty's Right Hand, and the Prince of Anhalt on the Right of his Excellency. The young Prince was baptized by the Name of *Frederick Lewis*. At Night a sumptuous Banquet was serv'd up in the great Hall of his Majesty's Apartment: The Table on which the King supp'd was plac'd upon an Ascent of five or six Steps, under a magnificent Canopy. The Prince Royal, his Majesty's Brothers and Sisters, the British Ambassador, the Prince of Anhalt, and young Princess of Zeits, sate down with the King.

Letters from Warsaw of the 18th of the last Month say, That the Swedish Detachment which had pene-